

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 2-3, 6, 8-12, 14-15, 18, 20-24, and 26-28 have been canceled. Claims 1, 13, and 25 have been amended. Claims 1, 4-5, 7, 13, 16-17, 19, and 25 are currently pending in the application.

CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-5, 7, 13, 16-17, 19 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement. Independent claims 1, 13, and 25 have been amended to remove the language noted by the Examiner in the Final Office Action. The amendments made to claims 1, 13, and 25 are fully supported by the Specification (see e.g. paragraphs 0049 and 0050). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 6, 18, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Berger et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0014466 A1) in view of Stevens (Advanced Programming in the UNIX Environment). Claims 6, 18, and 28 have been canceled. Therefore, Applicants request that this rejection be withdrawn.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner acknowledged that claims 1, 4-5, 7, 13, 16-17, 19, and 25 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection

under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicants thank the Examiner for this acknowledgement. As noted above, claims 1, 13, and 25 have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Thus, Applicants submit that claims 1, 4-5, 7, 13, 16-17, 19, and 25 are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this amendment be entered and made of record, and that a Notice of Allowance be issued.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408) 414-1080 to discuss any issues that may advance prosecution.

No fee is believed to be due specifically in connection with this Reply. To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee that may be due in connection with this Reply to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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